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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C 20505

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Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

7 May 84
CIPC-M-09

MEMORANDUM FOR: Critical Intelligence Problems Committee**FROM:**

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Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: [redacted] Minutes of the Ninth Critical Intelligence Problems
Committee Meeting, 23 April 1984 [redacted]

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1. Miss Eloise R. Page, Chairman, convened the meeting at 1030 hours on 23 April 1984. Present were Committee members and observers, listed in the attachment. [redacted]

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Chairman's Notes:

2. Miss Page reported that the Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Study is in final draft and would soon be forwarded for comments and coordination. She also noted that the study has 20 recommendations, both short term and long range, covering all collection disciplines. [redacted]

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3. The Chairman reported that the CIPC Terrorism Working Group had developed a working draft with 25 major recommendations. She noted that the working group was scheduled to meet on 24 April to complete the study and hoped they could soon turn out a product suitable for circulation and coordination. [redacted]

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4. The Chairman reported that a draft CBW Study had been completed. The working group will meet on 25 April to review the draft and to develop specific recommendations. This study is to be completed by 28 May, and it is on schedule. [redacted]

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Critical Intelligence Needs:

5. Miss Page referred to the DCI's memorandum to the Committee requesting that the member agencies identify Critical Intelligence Needs that would require CIPC attention. The Chairman observed that some of the recommendations were basic organizational requirements rather than Critical Intelligence Needs. []

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6. [] Vice Chairman, observed that this was a good opportunity for the members to focus on what constitutes a Critical Intelligence Need. Once this has been established, some of the recommended items listed might warrant Committee attention. []

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6A. [] observed that the overall effort was most productive. He emphasized the need to restructure and establish collection priorities. []

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7. Mr. Briggs, CIA, suggested that the large list be reduced to a selection of 10 or so that are most critical. He noted that when the SSCI asked about critical intelligence gaps on 9 March, the Agency provided four:

[] Mr. Briggs stated that the CIPC list contained valid topics but that we would diminish the practical definition of criticality if we select too many. Mr. Briggs noted, however, that terrorism continues to be a highly critical issue. []

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8. Mr. Long, Treasury, raised the question of the relationship of the CIPC effort with the current annual process of submitting the five most important NITs. He noted that some of those five could be selected for consideration as Critical Intelligence Needs. []

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9. Miss Page commented that the NITs are needs that go out to all collectors. Mr. Thorne, State, said the NITs are a forecast for the following year. He also thought the present CIPC list of critical needs needed to be reduced to a manageable size and suggested the NSA list as an example. []

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10. [] NSA, concurred with Mr. Thorne's comment that the list was too long. He felt that the list should be limited to recommendations reflecting policy considerations that are of high priority to the senior policymakers. The Chairman concurred. []

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22. The Chairman stated that the large list of Critical Intelligence Needs would be remanded to the CIPC staff for consolidation and prioritization. The staff is to develop Category I and Category II requirements with each category consisting of five to six prioritized Critical Intelligence Needs. The new list should be developed from the members' previous inputs and those discussed during the meeting. [REDACTED]

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23. The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours [REDACTED]

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**List of Attendees
CIPC Meeting, 23 April 1984**

**Mr. Charles A. Briggs
Executive Director, CIA**

**[REDACTED]
Deputy Director for Intelligence and External Affairs, DIA**

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**[REDACTED]
Chief, PO-5, NSA**

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**Mr. C. Thomas Thorne
Assistant Secretary for Assessment and Research, INR, State**

**Mr. Clarke E. Magruder
Alternate for RADM John L. Butts, Director, Naval Intelligence, Navy**

**BGEN Paul Martin
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF**

**BGEN Harry E. Soyster
Deputy ACSI, Army**

**Mr. Arthur W. Long
Senior National Intelligence Advisor, Treasury**

**Mr. Thomas E. DuHadway
Deputy Assistant Director, Intelligence Division, FBI**

**Mr. John J. Guenther
Special Assistant to Director of Intelligence, HQS, USMC**

**Mr. Charles V. Boykin
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence, DOE**

Observers:

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